

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker on rollcall No. 85, S. 2272—The “John ‘Marty’ Thiels Post Office” Designation Act, in honor and memory of Thiels, a Louisiana postal worker who was killed in the line of duty on October 4, 2007, I was unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

## A PROCLAMATION HONORING NORM GARY ON HIS RETIREMENT

### HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Mr. Gary has demonstrated values of hard work and service throughout his life, always maintaining a positive outlook; and

Whereas, Mr. Gary is recognized for 30 years of dedication to the Hocking County community; and

Whereas, Mr. Gary has impacted the lives of many while teaching residents skills that have helped them obtain employment; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I thank Norm Gary for his 30 years of service. We recognize the tremendous impact he has had in his community and in the lives of all those people he has touched.

## VALERO

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, on January 10, 1901 the world was introduced to the modern petroleum age. It was on this day in Jefferson County, Texas the Gladys City Oil, Gas, and Manufacturing Company discovered the largest oil reserve the world had ever seen. Ever since Jefferson County, Texas has been a leader in the oil and gas industry, fueling our nation's economy.

This tradition of leadership continues today with the recent announcement of Valero's Port Arthur Refinery \$2.4 billion expansion project.

Valero will be expanding their Port Arthur Refinery, becoming the 2nd largest refinery in Jefferson County, which is home to some of the largest refineries in the nation. When construction is complete, it will produce 415,000 barrels of per day. The Port Arthur refinery production resume includes conventional, premium and reformulated gasoline before oxy-

genate blending, as well as diesel, jet fuel, petrochemicals, petroleum coke and sulfur. This project will generate an economic boost to Southeast Texas by bringing in 2,000 jobs.

Valero is more than just an oil company, it is an active corporate citizen concerned about all aspects of the community where it resides. Both the corporation and employees alike are focused on the betterment of their community. With its 2007 pledge of \$13 million to the United Way Campaign, Valero is the only company that has received United Way's highest national honor, the Spirit of America Award, twice.

Valero also hosts the largest professional charity golf tournament in the country. The Valero Texas Open, which is an official PGA Tour event, and the associated Benefit for Children Golf Classic, which is Valero's own charity tournament, raised a record-breaking \$8 million for charities. That is the largest contribution of any tournament in the PGA Tour's history.

Employees give back both financially and through their time, last year employees donated 272,346 hours of time for countless community projects, including mentoring students, organizing fund-raisers, participating in clean-up events, volunteering at youth centers and much more.

I am proud to commend Valero for its corporate citizenship and commitment to communities not only in Southeast Texas but across the nation.

And that's just the way it is.

## QIAOCHU YUAN CONGRATULATIONS

### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, It gives me great pleasure to honor Qiaochu Yuan, a senior at Bellevue High School, for being named 1 of 40 finalists in the prestigious Intel Science Talent Search, STS—America's most prestigious research competition for high school seniors, often referred to as the “junior Nobel prize.”

Qiaochu submitted a mathematics project involving the complex and highly intellectual subject of algebraic geometry. His groundbreaking work may one day be used by future generations in the field of computer-aided design. On top of being named a finalist in the Intel STS, Qiaochu has excelled in his daily studies and will finish first in his graduating class of 334 this spring. Additionally, Qiaochu received a perfect score on his SAT test.

Qiaochu's persistent work ethic and truly remarkable accomplishments provide a wonderful example for his peers at Bellevue High School and other aspiring scientists and mathematicians around the country. I've been told Qiaochu is deciding whether to attend MIT or

Princeton next year. No matter where he takes his talent and intellect, he will surely continue to reach new heights and advance the boundaries of math and science.

## TRIBUTE TO THE HARRISVILLE LIONS CLUB

### HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the members of the Harrisville Lions Club as they celebrate their 60th anniversary this year.

For over half a century, the Harrisville Lions Club has been dedicated to helping the less fortunate. As a Lions Club, the organization is part of the world's largest service organization with over 1.3 million members worldwide.

They have provided aid for those in need, whether it is helping local residents obtain eyeglasses or assisting families after disasters. The Club has been involved in several children's programs, including supporting a camp for local blind children and sponsoring a drug poster program aimed to raise awareness among elementary students of the problems associated with drug use.

I commend Harrisville club president, Lion Connie Rider, for her leadership and dedication to the organization. I'd also like to recognize Lion Leroy Montgomery, who at the age of 99, remains a very active member of the Harrisville Lions Club. I applaud Mr. Montgomery for his lifetime of dedication to helping the less fortunate in his community. His efforts have certainly not gone unnoticed.

I hope my colleagues will join me at this time in recognizing the accomplishments of these individuals as well as all of the other members of the Harrisville Lions Club. Congratulations on 60 years of service.

## TRIBUTE TO DR. NICHOLAS NEUPAUER

### HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 5, 2008*

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Nicholas Neupauer for his appointment as the 8th president of Butler County Community College, BC3.

Throughout his career, Dr. Neupauer has established himself as a leader in higher education. For the past 8 years he has worked at BC3, serving as vice president for academic affairs from 2004 to 2007 and as dean for humanities and social sciences from 1999 to 2004.

As vice president, Dr. Neupauer coordinated articulations and dual enrollments with three

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